

Inspection Agency Suspends License of Saskatchewan Beef Plant

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NEUDORF, Sask. — The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has suspended the operating licence of a beef slaughter plant in southeastern Saskatchewan due to concerns over food safety.

The agency says it suspended the licence of Northern Natural Processing LP in Neudorf as of July 10 because the operator failed to implement corrective measures to ensure the safety of the meat products produced there.

It also said adequate controls for food safety were not being reliably implemented at the plant on a consistent basis.

The agency said the plant cannot resume operations until the corrective measures have been put in place and it is confident in the plant's capacity to effectively manage food safety risks.

The federal government's Job Market Report said on its website that Northern Natural Processing LP, known as Qu'Appelle Beef, reopened a harvest plant south of Neudorf and a processing plant located in Wolseley the week of May 12, 2014.

It said each plant employed 20 people, and the company expected to hire another 50 people at each plant as business increased.

A job posting 30 days ago for Northern Natural Processing LP on Linked In says the company owns mid-sized beef slaughter and packing plants in Wolseley and Neudorf. It also says it as well as producing beef products, the partnership offers toll processing services. It said the limited partnership "has recently begun operations and has approximately 60 employees."

Neudorf is a village about 135 kilometres northeast of Regina.

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